

# ST. PAUL connections

## ST. PAUL TO CALL NEW RESIDENT PASTORS

St. Paul's Pastoral Residency Program is a two-year program for gifted new pastors. It is designed to sharpen vocational identity, and shape wise pastoral practices and habits in the context of a healthy congregation and a supportive multi-staff setting. Amy Diller will end her time at St. Paul in July. In August, Kelsey Fitting-Snyder and Joshua Kestner are set to begin a two-year term.

### KELSEY FITTING-SNYDER

**Hometown:** Lebanon, Pennsylvania

**Seminary:** The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

**Glimpse:** I enjoy learning new things. In the residency program, I want to learn about all aspects of ministry so I can become a well-rounded pastor. Walking alongside people is one of my passions for ministry. I am a good listener, learner, and observer. I am passionate about sharing God's love through the spoken word and through music.



### JOSHUA KESTNER

**Hometown:** Raleigh, North Carolina

**Seminary:** Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota

**Glimpse:** The intentional learning aspect of the St. Paul pastoral residency program piqued my interest. My strongest skills for ministry are relational. I love people and realize the importance of supporting one another in times of joy and times of despair. I am passionate about being a servant to all of God's children. I am excited about the opportunity to search together for God's presence, purpose, and action in our lives.



**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, April 23, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this short meeting will be to call Kelsey Fitting-Snyder and Joshua Kestner as pastors at St. Paul for a two-year term call. Read more about Kelsey and Joshua in the *April Journey* magazine.



### NEW VISION

This week our gospel reading focuses on a man who was blind from the time he was born. However, he was able to recognize Jesus as the messiah even without his physical sight when others couldn't.

Oftentimes we have "blind spots" in our lives that keep us from seeing God at work in the world. We don't pick up on what we are missing. The eyes of our hearts are tightly shut.

Just as Jesus came to that blind man so long ago, Jesus keeps coming to us to open our eyes. This Lent, be ready for Jesus to show up, for Jesus to bring a new vision.

### today at st. paul

**March 25 & 26 - Lent 4**

Preaching:

5:30/8:00 Amy Diller  
9:20/11:45 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

8:00 St. Paul Quartet  
9:20am Cantate Choir; Chorale  
Communion served at all services

Readings: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41

### next weekend

**April 1 & 2 - Lent 5**

Preaching:

5:30/11:45 Amy Diller  
8:00/9:20 Sara Olson-Smith

Worship notes:

8:00 St. Paul Quartet  
9:20am Chorale  
Communion served at all services

Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14;  
Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45

Privacy laws prevent hospitals from automatically informing churches of members admitted. You can easily notify our pastoral care staff of a hospitalization: 563-326-3547 x211 or becky@stpaulqc.org.

### Hospitalized: (\*released as of March 23)

\*Carma Drechsler  
\*Don Harding  
Craig Hillyer  
Jill Jorgensen  
Lee Marbach  
Jenny Vogel

### Death:

Jane Sybesma, March 21

### With sympathy:

Ann Quist, sister Ileen Wagner  
Will Sybesma, wife Jane  
Clair (Cheri) Peterson, his brother  
Tom Peterson

### Birth:

Theodore Russell McElvania, son of  
Christine & Jeff McElvania, March 13

### MY NOTES FROM TODAY

### staff connections

#### PASTORS

Peter W. Marty *Senior pastor*  
Sara Olson-Smith *Associate pastor*  
Katy Warren *Associate pastor*  
Amy Diller *Pastor in residency*  
Ron Huber *Visitation pastor*

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Ann McGlynn *Director of communication*  
Lauren Brown *Artistic director*  
Becky Harper *Adm. asst. to sr. pastor*  
Karen Holden *Book Corner manager*  
Allison Adams *Communications intern*

#### OPERATIONS

Todd Byerly *Operations director*  
Paula Durham *Business manager*  
Jennifer Garvey *Receptionist*  
Tessa Hahn *Business office assistant*  
Marcia Robertson *Stewardship coordinator*  
Harris Schneekloth *Campus supervisor*  
Matt Spencer *Custodial manager*  
Jim Akright *Custodial/Maintenance*  
Paul Caldwell *Weekend host*  
Ron Mullen *Weekend host*  
Joe Wollett *Evening host*  
Rick Ybarra *Outdoor host*

#### LEARNING

Ryan Bailey *Director of faith formation*  
Joanna Roland *Preschool & kids' learning*  
Andy Langdon *Director of youth ministries*  
Michelle Juehring *Children & family life*  
Dana Welser *Neighborhood schools*  
Tammy Hermanson *Residency administrator*  
Teresa Whitbeck *Childcare coordinator*

#### MUSIC

Chris Nelson *Director of music ministries*  
Bill Campbell *Contemporary music*  
Linda Allebach *Assistant organist*  
Nathan Windt *Chorale director*  
Dan Pepper *Youth choir director*  
Sara Harless *Children's choir director*  
Rosita Tendall *Children's choir director*  
Margaret Thompson *Children's choir director*



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## THIS SUNDAY

### LEARNING FOR KIDS & YOUTH (10:45-11:30 AM)

- ▶ Ages 3 & Pre-K: Main Level
- ▶ Grades K-2: Upper Level, Friendship Hall
- ▶ Grades 3-5: Lower Level, Commons area & Fellowship Hall
- ▶ Grades 6-8: Lower Level, Sanctuary

### SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL), GRADES 9-12 (7:15-8:30 PM)

SNL gathers most Sunday nights at St. Paul. It's a strong framework for high school youth to live, grow, and serve joyfully. It's also a fun place to get recharged before school on Monday morning. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 x228

### LEARNING FOR ADULTS (10:45-11:30 AM)

- ▶ *Christ as victor – Bach's St. John Passion:* Johann Sebastian Bach is often called the "Fifth Evangelist" for his vivid musical settings of the Passions. In his St. John Passion, Bach explores the theological concept of redemption through the analogy of Christ as Victor. Nathan Windt, assistant professor of music at St. Ambrose University, and St. Paul Chorale director. *In the Chapel.*
- ▶ *Illuminating for a new millennium (2 of 2):* St. John's Bible is a major artistic, cultural, and spiritual endeavor commissioned by the monks of St. Benedict Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota. Experience Visio Lectio using an illumination. Sister Bobbi Bussan, OSB. In the Loft.
- ▶ *The word for today - surprise:* In this weekly Bible study, consider passages of scripture in light of current circumstances, listening carefully for God's living word for us today. Led by Pastor Amy Diller. In Room 208.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *The satisfaction theology – Bach's St. Matthew Passion:* Nathan Windt, assistant professor of music at St. Ambrose University & St. Paul Chorale director. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *First impressions – how they can distance us from God:* Pam Bulat, St. Paul member and social worker focused on research, grant writing, project development. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *The word for today:* Led by Ryan Bailey, director of faith formation.

**SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP:** Please join others for coffee, doughnuts, juice, and conversation in the gathering areas on the main level.

**A BLUE BOOK, "Welcome to St. Paul,"** is situated in every pew near the aisle seat. Please take a moment to share your name and pass the book. As it returns to you, glance at other names and look for your chance to greet one another after worship. The warmth of your greeting can brighten the whole day.

**NURSERY:** We believe children belong in worship. But if your child needs a break, please assist other worshipers and seek out our staffed nursery in the "Kid's Corner" in the Library Commons. Silent pagers available. For nursing moms, a designated room is available to you, just 20 feet left of the elevator.

**CHILDREN:** Children's messages are a part of our Sunday services at 9:20 and 11:45 a.m. Special bulletins are available from an usher. Worship bags for children are at entrances to the Sanctuary.

**COMMUNION:** The Lord's Table is open to believers of all Christian traditions. Adults and children who do not commune are invited to come forward, crossing arms upon the chest for a blessing. Communion is distributed by a practice called intinction; please touch your wafer lightly to the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available at all stations. Grape juice is available on Sundays in the potery chalice at the station furthest left.

**FAITH RESOURCES:** A library and the nonprofit Book Corner on the main level provide wonderful resources for growing your faith. Check them out.

**MEMBERSHIP:** A one-session Membership Inquiry Class is offered once each month for those interested in exploring what membership at St. Paul involves. The next opportunity will be on **Thursday, April 6, 6:30-9 p.m. OR Monday, May 15, 6:30-9 p.m.** Childcare is available on request. Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups), at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

## DISCOVER & CONNECT

### children

**FOURTH-GRADE FAITH MILESTONE:** Sundays, March 12 - April 9, 10:45-11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. This faith milestone happens in a five-week session that culminates in First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 13. Michelle Juehring, [michelle@stpaulqc.org](mailto:michelle@stpaulqc.org)

**HIGH SCHOOL LOCK IN:** April 1-2, 8 p.m.-6 a.m. Meet at Augustana's Pep-sico Center for an all-night evening of fun including jumping on trampolines at Helium, midnight worship, pizza, movies, and plenty of free time in the gyms. A great place to bring a friend, stay awake too late, and make some memories. Participants will meet at Pepsico Center, located on the south side of Augustana's Campus. Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Cost is \$20 and will be collected at the door. Deadline to signup is March 29. Andy Langdon, [andy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:andy@stpaulqc.org)

### adults

**COLLEGE LUNCH:** The next college lunch will be Sunday, April 2, 12:45 p.m. in the Library Commons. No need to sign up; just show up! Zach Ebener, [zebener84@hotmail.com](mailto:zebener84@hotmail.com)

**TREATS & TRIVIA:** Saturday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. No foolin'! Two groups, PrimeTime and 2136, gather for a treats and trivia mixer in Fellowship Hall. 2136 is for young adults in their 20s/30s and PrimeTime gathers folks in their 50s/60s/70s. Please bring a treat to share. Signup at the Info Center. Ronda Bird, [rlbird@mchsi.com](mailto:rlbird@mchsi.com), 563-349-3144

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA:** All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: Anna (day): April 3, 12:30 p.m. (Joyce

Nuernberger's home); Anna (evening): April 4, 6:30 p.m. (Sharon Sanyi's home); Dorcas: April 4, 9:15 a.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: April 3, 9:15 a.m. (St. Paul); Ridgecrest: April 11, 2 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center); Ruth: April 6, 12:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Sarah: April 4, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, [tkmax2502@gmail.com](mailto:tkmax2502@gmail.com)

**WELCA SPRING GATHERING:** The Women of the ELCA will hold their annual spring gathering on Thursday, April 6, 6:30 p.m., in the Chapel. The evening will begin with a thank-offering service led by Pastor Katy Warren. Staff from World Relief Moline, which partners with St. Paul in refugee resettlement ministry, will present a program. Pam Crowe will sing, with Linda Allebach as accompanist. Spring desserts will follow the program. Signup at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups) or at the Info Center. Contact: Judy Skogman, 563-940-4111, or Jan Lloyd, [cmljml@q.com](mailto:cmljml@q.com).

**2136:** Join the 2136 group (young adults in their 20/30s) for a service project. Gather on Thursday, April 6, at Riverbend Food Bank in Davenport to help pack food. Our time slot is from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Drop in when you can. Pastor Amy Diller, [amy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:amy@stpaulqc.org)

**SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS:** Offering support for those who have lost a friend or family member to suicide at any time, this monthly gathering is for care, compassion, and encouragement. Meet in the Library Conference Room on Monday, April 3, 6:30 p.m. No need to sign up, just come. Contact: Deb and Joe James, [joedeb1984@gmail.com](mailto:joedeb1984@gmail.com).



### Easter blooms

Honor or remember loved ones with an Easter flower. Spring flowers will adorn the altar on Easter morning, a reminder of the beauty of the resurrection of the living Christ. Plants are \$12 each; forms are available at the Info Center.

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ROTATION LEADERS** are needed for children age 3 through kindergarten on Sunday mornings April 2 & 30 and May 7. If interested in helping, please contact Michelle Juehring: [michelle@stpaulqc.org](mailto:michelle@stpaulqc.org), 326-3547 ext. 227.

**A BRIEF HEALING LITURGY** will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, in the Church House Living Room. Each month, on the first Saturday, we provide an opportunity for individuals in need of physical, spiritual, or emotional healing to come and seek God's goodness and care.

**ST. PAUL PRESCHOOL SEEKS PRE-K TEACHER:** St. Paul Preschool is searching for a part-time pre-k teacher to begin work in Fall 2017. This person will be part of a team that provides a stimulating, safe, and developmentally appropriate educational environment where preschool children have the opportunity to develop cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills. To learn more about the position and how to apply, visit [stpaulqc.org/about/employment](http://stpaulqc.org/about/employment).

**EASTER HOSPITALITY:** Spread the joy of Easter morning by serving as a greeter that day, April 16. Help is needed for each service: 6, 8, 9:45, and 11:45 a.m. Would you like to extend a smile and a hello to those who come to celebrate Jesus' resurrection? Want to help? Contact Jennifer Garvey: [jennifer@stpaulqc.org](mailto:jennifer@stpaulqc.org), 326-3547 ext. 210.

## faith on wheels

Wednesdays  
in Lent  
March 8 - April 5

- ▶ **Worship | 12 noon-12:30 p.m.**  
Chapel gatherings will include music, silence, a pastoral reflection, and Holy Communion.
- ▶ **Suppers | 5:30-6:55 p.m.**  
A freewill donation of \$7/ person or \$20/family is welcome to cover the cost. This week, taco bar: tortillas, ground beef, chicken, lettuce, tomatoes, black olives, onion, jalapenos, sour cream, hot sauce, refried beans, Spanish rice, chips and salsa.
- ▶ **Lenten study: Intentional lives of faith | 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**  
Get acquainted with the Small Catechism — a teaching tool created by Martin Luther — a simple, but profound handbook of faith. Large group session led by Ryan Bailey, followed by small group discussion. In the Luther Loft. No need to sign up, just come.
- ▶ **Worship | 7-7:35 p.m.**  
A service in the Sanctuary features the beautiful *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy. *Faith on Wheels* is the unifying theme. Ride along on the journeys of a taxi driver, as he encounters the lives of his passengers.

## PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

April 8 & 9, all services

Festive processions with large palm branches commemorate Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. But there is more to the story: Jesus is arrested, tortured, crucified, and buried in Jerusalem.

